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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY

1. WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13, WILLIAM LONGSWORTH, HARBOR MASTER AND GENERAL MANAGER DESIGNATE OF NEWLY ESTABLISHED BELIZE PORT AUTHORITY CAME TO CONGEN AND ASKED US IF WE COULD ASSIST HIM IN A VISIT TO MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY.

2. LONGSWORTH IS TRAVELLING TO GUAYANA IN CONNECTION WITH CARRIBBEAN BUOY STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM; HE WILL BE IN MIAMI DURING WEEK OF SEPT. 25-29. HE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN VISITING MIAMI PORT AUTHORITY AND OBSERVING OPERATIONS. HE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE MEETING WITH PERSONS IN THE AUTHORITY WHO COULD DISCUSS WITH HIM THE GENERAL ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF IT. HE IS INTERESTED IN ALL ASPECTS-CUSTOMS, SECURITY, CARGO OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT. HE WILL SOON BE TAKING ON HIS NEW JOB AND HE IS QUITE FRANK IN SAYING THAT IT IS A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR HIM. GOB HAS ARRANGED WITH UN FOR PORT AUTHORITY EXPERT TO BE SENT HERE NEXT YEAR BUT LONGSWORTH IS ANXIOUS TO GET AS MUCH BACKGROUND AS POSSIBLE. LAST YEAR, HE VISITED NEW YORK AND, WITHOUT INTRODUCTION OF ANY SORT, TRIED TO MAKE CONTACTS WITH NYPA. HE STRUCK OUT AND IS NOW MORE REALISTIC IN HIS APPROACH.

3. LONGSWORTH IS MOST HELPFUL TO THIS POST IN ALL MATTERS INVOLVING BOATS-COAST GUARD, MISSING VESSELS, ETC. WE HOPE
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THAT DEPARTMENT OR DOC COULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO SPEND A DAY OR EVEN TWO DAYS WITH MIAMI PA. HE TELLS US SEPT. 27 & 28 WOULD BE BEST. IF YOU CAN CABLE US NAMES AND ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER ETC. OF INDIVIDUAL HE SHOULD CONTACT, WE WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL.
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